

In the Claims:

Claims 1-39(canceled)

40. (New) A handgun holster comprising:

a body defining a tubular passage for receiving an elongated handgun portion including a barrel;

the body defining a trigger guard space adjacent to the passage for receiving the trigger guard of the handgun;

a trigger guard retention element connected to the body;

the retention element being slidably operable with respect to the body between a retention position in which it projects into the trigger guard space and a retracted position in which it is retracted from the trigger guard space, such that a handgun received in the holster is retained against extraction forces when the latch element is in the retention position, and a handgun received in the holster is removable from the holster when the retention pin is in the released position;

a release actuator connected to the body;

the release actuator being movable with respect to the body between an actuated position and a retracted position;

the release actuator being mechanically engaged with the retention element and operable to move the retention element to the retracted position when the release actuator is moved to the actuated position;

the release actuator being operable to secure the retention element in the retention position when the release actuator is in the retracted position; and

~~The holster of claim 35~~ wherein the release actuator has a wedge portion received between an end portion of the retention element and a surface portion of the body, such that moving the release actuator to the actuated position advances the wedge portion to drive the end portion of the release actuator away from the surface portion of the body.

41. (New) A handgun holster comprising:

a body defining a tubular passage for receiving an elongated handgun

portion including a barrel;

the body defining a trigger guard space adjacent to the passage for receiving the trigger guard of the handgun;

a trigger guard retention element connected to the body;

the retention element being slidably operable with respect to the body between a retention position in which it projects into the trigger guard space and a retracted position in which it is retracted from the trigger guard space, such that a handgun received in the holster is retained against extraction forces when the latch element is in the retention position, and a handgun received in the holster is removable from the holster when the retention pin is in the released position;

a release actuator connected to the body;

the release actuator being movable with respect to the body between an actuated position and a retracted position;

the release actuator being mechanically engaged with the retention element and operable to move the retention element to the retracted position when the release actuator is moved to the actuated position;

the release actuator being operable to secure the retention element in the retention position when the release actuator is in the retracted position; and

~~The holster of claim 35~~ including a safety strap element connected to the body and movable between a closed position in which a selected portion of the safety strap is positioned over an upper end of the passage to cover a rear end portion of a handgun received in the holster, and an open position in which the selected portion is positioned away from the upper end of the passage, such that removal of a handgun in the holster is not obstructed by the selected portion, and wherein the safety strap element is mechanically engaged to the release actuators to secure the release actuator in the retracted position when the safety strap element is in the closed position, and to permit movement of the release actuator to the actuated position when the safety strap element is in the open position.